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INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT

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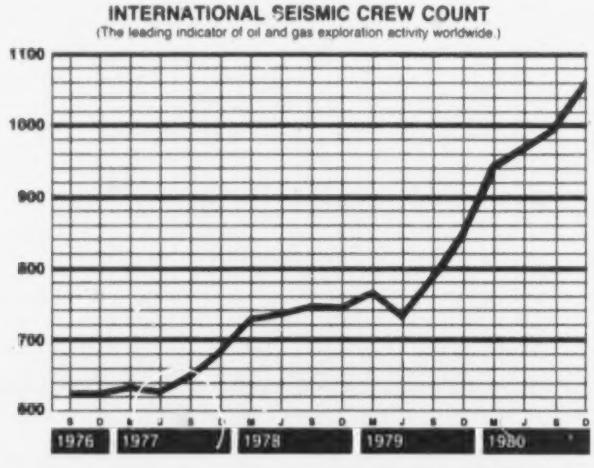
OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION ACTIVITY WORLDWIDE CONTINUED TO INCREASE DURING LAST QUARTER OF 1980

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas around the world during the fourth quarter, one year ago, (December, 1980) was 1,064. The Society of Exploration Geophysicists', which conducts the quarterly survey, noted that the December, 1980, total reflected an increase of sixty-four crews and vessels from the third quarter (September, 1980) total of 1,000. Gains were recorded in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central & South America, Middle East, Africa, and the Far East.

The international survey reflects data reported on seismic oil exploration by 123 private and governmental crew operators around the world.



INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT, DECEMBER, 1980

Geographically, seismic exploration for oil and gas during December, 1980, was reported as follows (third quarter, September, 1980, figures are shown in parentheses):

	UNITED STATES			CANADA	
	Land	Marine		Land	Marine
84 Contractors:	500 (484)	34 (36)	28 Contractors:	71 (54)	3 (5)
10 Oil Companies:	40 (39)	6 (7)	2 Oil Companies:	3 (4)	0 (1)
0 Government:	0 (0)	0 (1)			
Totals:	540 (523)	40 (44)	Totals:	74 (58)	3 (6)

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MEXICO

	Land	Marine
6 Contractors:	26*(25)*	4*(2)*
1 Government:	5*(5)*	0*(0)*
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	31*(30)*	4*(2)*

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

	Land	Marine
12 Contractors:	58 (56)*	9 (7)*
3 Governments:	9 (10)*	0 (0)*
4 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	2 (0)
Totals:	70 (69)*	11 (7)*

EUROPE

	Land	Marine
13 Contractors:	48*(48)	22*(28)
2 Governments:	9*(9)*	0*(0)*
2 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	61*(61)*	22*(28)*

MIDDLE EAST

	Land	Marine
9 Contractors:	39 (34)	3 (1)
1 Government:	5 (5)	0 (0)
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	44 (39)	3 (1)

AFRICA

	Land	Marine
12 Contractors:	51 (45)	6 (4)
2 Governments:	6*(6)*	0*(0)*
1 Oil Company:	11*(11)*	0*(0)*
Totals:	68*(62)*	6*(4)*

FAR EAST

	Land	Marine
13 Contractors:	51 (44)*	12 (14)*
2 Governments:	19 (3)	1 (1)
1 Oil Company:	3 (3)	1 (1)
Totals:	73 (50)*	14 (16)*

DECEMBER, TOTALS:

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
United States:	540 (523)	40 (44)
Canada:	74 (58)	3 (6)
Mexico:	31* (30)*	4* (2)*
Central & South America:	70 (69)*	11 (7)*
Europe:	61* (61)*	22* (28)*
Middle East:	44 (39)	3 (1)
Africa:	68* (62)*	6* (4)*
Far East:	73 (50)*	14 (16)*
Totals	961* (892)*	103* (108)*

Total Crews and Vessels: 1064* (1000)*

*These totals include estimates from informed industry sources of additional unreported crews and vessels.

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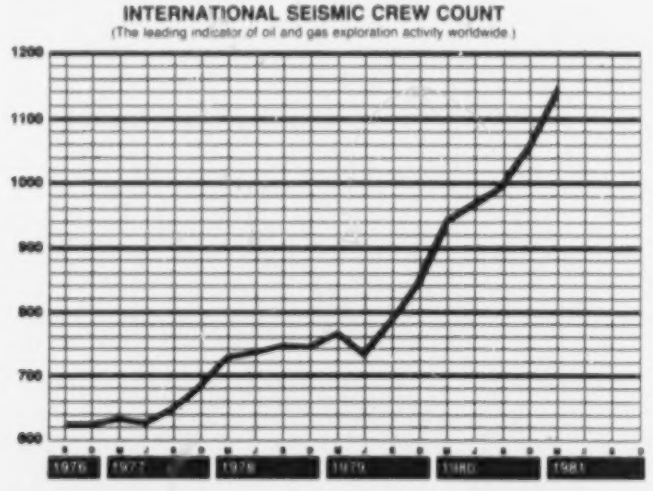
INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT

January 27, 1982

SEISMIC EXPLORATION FOR OIL AND GAS RECORDED INCREASE IN FIRST QUARTER OF LAST YEAR (1981)

The number of seismic exploration crews and vessels searching for oil and gas increased by ninety-five crews during the first quarter one year ago (1980), according to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' quarterly international survey. The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in March, 1981, was 1,159, compared with 1,064 in December, 1980. Increases were recorded during the first three months of 1981 in the United States, Canada, Central & South America, Europe, Africa, and the Far East.

The international survey reflects data reported on seismic oil exploration activity by 122 private and governmental crew operators around the world.



INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT, MARCH, 1981

Geographically, seismic exploration for oil and gas during March, 1981, was reported as follows (fourth quarter, December, 1980, figures are shown in parentheses):

	UNITED STATES			CANADA	
	Land	Marine		Land	Marine
82 Contractors:	529 (500)	33 (34)	29 Contractors:	99 (71)	2 (3)
10 Oil Companies:	41 (40)	7 (6)	3 Oil Companies:	4 (3)	0 (0)
1 Government:	0 (0)	0 (0)			
Totals:	570 (540)	40 (40)	Totals:	103 (74)	2 (3)

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MEXICO

	Land	Marine
7 Contractors:	25* (26)*	4* (4)*
1 Government:	5* (5)*	0* (0)*
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	30* (31)*	4* (4)*

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

	Land	Marine
10 Contractors:	68 (58)	7 (9)
2 Governments:	8* (9)	2* (0)
2 Oil Companies:	2 (3)	1 (2)
Totals:	78* (70)	10* (11)

EUROPE

	Land	Marine
14 Contractors:	52 (48)*	25 (22)*
2 Governments:	7* (9)*	0* (0)*
2 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	63* (61)*	25* (22)*

MIDDLE EAST

	Land	Marine
9 Contractors:	34 (39)	4 (3)
1 Government:	5* (5)	0* (0)
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	39* (44)	4* (3)

AFRICA

	Land	Marine
14 Contractors:	64* (51)	7* (6)
2 Governments:	6* (6)*	0* (0)*
1 Oil Company:	11* (11)*	0* (0)*
Totals:	81* (68)*	7* (6)*

FAR EAST

	Land	Marine
15 Contractors:	55 (51)	12 (12)
3 Governments:	31 (19)	1 (1)
1 Oil Company:	3 (3)	1 (1)
Totals:	89 (73)	14 (14)

MARCH TOTALS:

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
United States:	570 (540)	40 (40)
Canada:	103 (74)	2 (3)
Mexico:	30* (31)*	4* (4)*
Central & South America:	78* (70)	10* (11)
Europe:	63* (61)*	25* (22)*
Middle East:	39* (44)	4* (3)
Africa:	81* (68)*	7* (6)*
Far East:	89 (73)	14 (14)
Totals:	1,053* (961)*	106* (103)*
Total Crews and Vessels:	1,159* (1,064)*	

*These totals include estimates from informed industry sources of additional unreported crews and vessels.

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INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT

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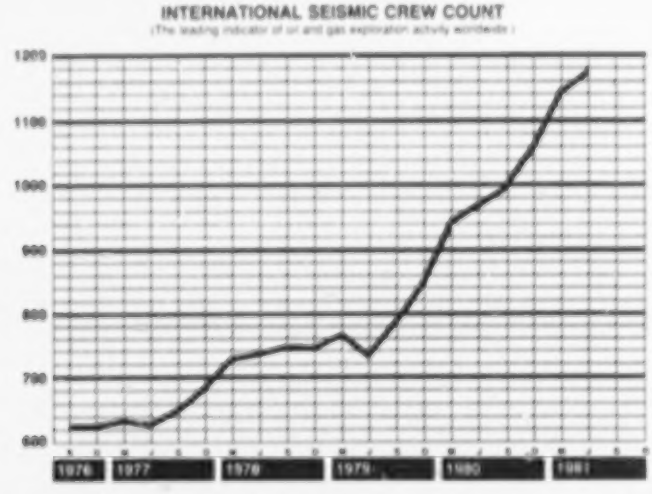
OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION WORLDWIDE RECORDED A SLIGHT INCREASE DURING SECOND QUARTER OF LAST YEAR (1981)

Seismic exploration for oil and gas continued to increase internationally during the second quarter (June) of 1981 with a total of 1,180 seismic land crews and marine vessels active. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, which conducts the quarterly survey, the June total (1,180) reflected an increase of twenty-one crews and vessels from the first quarter (March) total of 1,159. Gains were recorded in the United States, Central & South America, Europe, and the Middle East.

The international survey reflects data reported on seismic oil exploration activity by 156 private and governmental crew operators around the world.



INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT, JUNE, 1981

Geographically, seismic exploration for oil and gas during June, 1981, was reported as follows (first quarter, March, 1981, figures are shown in parentheses):

	UNITED STATES			CANADA	
	Land	Marine		Land	Marine
97 Contractors:	610 (529)	37 (33)	18 Contractors:	37 (99)	5 (2)
10 Oil Companies:	42 (41)	6 (7)	3 Oil Companies:	5 (4)	0 (0)
1 Government:	0 (0)	1 (0)			
Totals:	652 (570)	44 (40)	Totals:	42 (103)	5 (2)

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MEXICO

	Land	Marine
6 Contractors:	25* (25)*	4* (4)*
1 Government:	5* (5)*	0* (0)*
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	30* (30)*	4* (4)*

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

	Land	Marine
12 Contractors:	75 (68)	7 (7)
3 Governments:	15* (8)*	1* (2)*
2 Oil Companies:	2 (2)	0 (1)
Totals:	92* (78)*	8* (10)*

EUROPE

	Land	Marine
15 Contractors:	56 (52)	29 (25)
2 Governments:	7* (7)*	0* (0)*
3 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	1 (0)
Totals:	67* (63)*	30* (25)*

MIDDLE EAST

	Land	Marine
11 Contractors:	42 (34)	3 (4)
1 Government:	5* (5)	0* (0)*
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	47* (39)*	3* (4)*

AFRICA

	Land	Marine
12 Contractors:	68* (64)*	5* (7)*
1 Governments:	2* (6)*	0* (0)*
1 Oil Company:	11* (11)*	0* (0)*
Totals:	81* (81)*	5* (7)*

FAR EAST

	Land	Marine
10 Contractors:	55 (55)	9 (12)
2 Governments:	2 (31)	0 (1)
1 Oil Company:	3 (3)	1 (1)
Totals:	60 (89)	10 (14)

JUNE TOTALS:

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
United States:	652 (570)	44 (40)
Canada:	42 (103)	5 (2)
Mexico:	30* (30)*	4* (4)*
Central & South America:	92* (78)*	8* (10)*
Europe:	67* (63)*	30* (25)*
Middle East:	47* (39)*	3* (4)*
Africa:	81* (81)*	5* (7)*
Far East:	60 (89)	10 (14)
Totals:	1,071* (1,053)*	109* (106)*
Total Crews and Vessels:	1,180* (1,159)*	

*These totals include estimates from informed industry sources of additional unreported crews and vessels.

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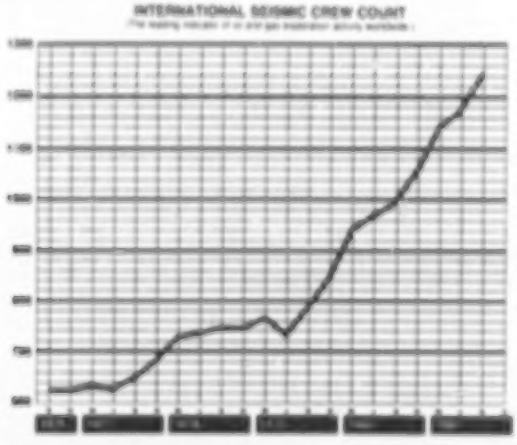
WORLDWIDE SEISMIC OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION CREW AND VESSEL TOTAL CONTINUED TO INCREASE DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF LAST YEAR (1981)

Seismic exploration for oil and gas continued to increase internationally during the third quarter (September) of 1981 with a total of 1,252 seismic land crews and marine vessels active. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, which conducts the quarterly survey, the September total (1,252) reflected an increase of seventy-two crews and vessels from the second quarter (June) total of 1,180. Gains were recorded in the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East.

The international survey reflects data reported on seismic oil exploration activity by 159 private and governmental crew operators around the world. Special significance is attached to the figures since seismic crew activity is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.



INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT, SEPTEMBER, 1981

Geographically, seismic exploration for oil and gas during September, 1981, was reported as follows (second quarter, June, 1981, figures are shown in parentheses):

	UNITED STATES			CANADA	
	Land	Marine		Land	Marine
99 Contractors:	654 (610)	40 (37)	22 Contractors:	40 (37)	6 (5)
10 Oil Companies:	43 (42)	6 (6)	3 Oil Companies:	4 (5)	0 (0)
1 Government:	0 (0)	1 (1)			
Totals:	697 (652)	47 (44)	Totals:	44 (42)	6 (5)

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MEXICO

	Land	Marine
5 Contractors:	23*(25)*	0*(4)*
1 Government:	5*(5)*	0*(0)*
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	28*(30)*	0*(4)*

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

	Land	Marine
12 Contractors:	76 (75)	7 (7)
3 Governments:	15*(15)*	0* (1)*
2 Oil Companies:	2 (2)	0 (0)
Totals:	93*(92)*	7* (8)*

EUROPE

	Land	Marine
17 Contractors:	58 (56)	37 (29)
2 Governments:	7*(7)*	0*(0)*
4 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	2 (1)
Totals:	69*(67)*	39*(30)*

MIDDLE EAST

	Land	Marine
13 Contractors:	45 (42)	2 (3)
1 Government:	5*(5)*	0* (0)*
2 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	50*(47)*	2* (3)*

AFRICA

	Land	Marine
13 Contractors:	69*(68)*	3*(5)*
1 Governments:	2*(2)*	0*(0)*
1 Oil Company:	11*(11)*	0*(0)*
Totals:	82*(81)*	3*(5)*

FAR EAST

	Land	Marine
11 Contractors:	65 (55)	11 (9)
2 Governments:	3 (2)	2 (0)
1 Oil Company:	3 (3)	1 (1)
Totals:	71 (60)	14 (10)

SEPTEMBER TOTALS:

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
United States:	697 (652)	47 (44)
Canada:	44 (42)	6 (5)
Mexico:	28* (30)*	0* (4)*
Central & South America:	93* (92)*	7* (8)*
Europe:	69* (67)*	39* (30)*
Middle East:	50* (47)*	2* (3)*
Africa:	82* (81)*	3* (5)*
Far East:	71 (60)	14 (10)
Totals:	1,134* (1,071)*	118* (109)*
Total Crews and Vessels:	1,252* (1,180)*	

*These totals include estimates from informed industry sources of additional unreported crews and vessels.

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